Central Intelligence Agency

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Washington, D.C. 20505

18 July 1979

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Dear [redacted]

During 1975 and 1976 the Central Intelligence Agency was the subject of intensive investigations by the Rockefeller Commission on CIA activities within the United States and the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations With Respect to Intelligence Activities. These investigations disclosed that CIA during the 1950's and 1960's was interested in research having to do with the influence of drugs on human behavior. Unfortunately, documents believed at the time to have been all of the CIA records related to drug research were destroyed some years before the investigative process began. In 1977, however, the Agency discovered in its archives a quantity of financial documents that shed some light on the historical Agency interest in drug research. The discovery of these records was reported to the Senate, and in August 1977 the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the Subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research of the Senate Committee on Human Resources conducted joint hearings to learn of their full implications. As a result of these hearings, it was concluded that the Agency should attempt to seek out and notify individuals who were the unwitting subjects of drug research and experimentation.

Mr. George White served as a "consultant" to CIA from 1953-1963. It is now known that he performed tests of selected drugs, primarily LSD, on unwitting individuals. Unfortunately, limited records available within CIA do not identify test subjects and we have reliable testimony that the identity of test subjects was not reported to CIA. Thus, it was not until the existence of George White's diary became known that there was any hope of finding and identifying test subjects. We believe that you are mentioned in the diary but in an ambiguous way and not necessarily as a test subject. The page of Mr. White's diary which we believe alludes to you is enclosed. This page raised a flag because it seemed a bit unusual that [redacted]

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Accordingly, you are hereby informed that there is a possibility you were given LSD by George White as a part of a CIA funded research program. Should you be able to clarify this entry, or if you recall any strange reactions during or after a visit with the Whites, CIA would like to hear of them.

I will receive a letter addressed to me at the above address or you may phone me at [redacted] during normal office hours. A collect call will be accepted.

We would also appreciate any help you might be able to offer in finding a few other people from that social circle we wish to contact. We specifically desire the address and/or phone number of:

[redacted]

We regret the incidents which require this letter and will greatly appreciate any help you can render.

Yours truly,

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One page of George White's diary was attached to this letter. It is denied in this context only on the basis of FOIA exemption (b)(6).

The CIA copy of White's diary is available separately.